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'Thank you for saving our baby Emily's life'

PROUD parents are looking forward to their baby daughter's first Christmas – thanks to a local paramedic whose quick-thinking saved her life.

Looking at eight-month-old Emily Elliott now, you wouldn't believe that less than two months ago she was seriously ill in hospital with potentially-fatal meningitis.

Her parents Stuart, 31, and Karen, 35, feared the worst in October when the little girl was rushed to Addenbrooke's Hospital with a very high temperature and an angry rash.

But thanks to the work of paramedic Glen Branch, who is based at Haverhill Ambulance Station, and hospital staff, Emily made a full recovery.

Stuart and Karen were determined to thank the quick-thinking paramedic for what he did for the family.

Stuart, of Vange Place, Haverhill said: "She's back to her normal self, and even better than she was before."

"We realised afterwards that she had obviously been suffering for a few weeks, because when she started her medication it made her 100 per cent better."

On October 27, Emily, then just

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six months old, had a slight temperature at bed-time. Hours later, she was "radiating heat".

Within one minute, the baby had broken out in spots all over her body.

When Glen arrived on the scene he examined her and made the quick decision to send her straight to hospital, recognising that Emily was seriously ill.

Stuart said: "He said we had to get her straight to hospital. Another paramedic might have waited to see how she was in the morning."

The couple say it was his quick-thinking that saved Emily's life.

The family met up with Glen on Monday to say thank you, including Emily's big brother Marcus, 5, who said: "I wanted to meet Glen to say thank you to him for helping my little sister when she was ill."

Stuart and Karen are hosting Christmas at their home this year, and are looking forward having a full house for the festive season.

Stuart added: "We're looking forward to spending it all together, knowing now that everything's going to be fine."



HAPPY CHRISTMAS: From left to right, Glen, Marcus, Stuart, Emily and Karen.

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ON STAGE: Clements Primary School dress rehearsal, above, and Year 1 and 2 pupils from Kedington Primary Academy, right



The Christmas story

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BUDDING actors have been tasked with telling the Christmas story to parents, teachers and friends.

Children from primary schools in and around Haverhill have donned the tea towels and tinsel for another year of festive plays.

Clements School pupils put on a unique performance with their home on the range ode to the traditional nativity, "Prickly Hay".

Shepherds, wise men and angels joined Mary, Joseph and the Holy Spirit at Stepping Stones pre-school for a classic Christmas display.

Meanwhile, little ones from Kedington Primary told of one midwife's search for baby Jesus' crib.

Accompanied by a donkey called Steve, the midwife rushes to get to the baby's birth in time.

Alice Bagshaw, Year 2 teacher, said: "It was really lovely. The children enjoyed it and we teachers did too."

"The children sang lots of songs and learnt all their lines really well."

Pupils from Ridgewell Primary,



SPARKLE: Children from Ridgewell Primary, Halstead, in costume

Halstead, donned their Christmas jumpers for a day of fundraising for Save the Children.

They also put on a play, which they wrote themselves.

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LITTLE ANGELS: Stepping Stones pre-school, left and above



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Ribbon is cut and excitement builds at new school



OPENING:
Head
Georgina
Ellis and
Charlie
Taylor, Chief
Executive of
the National
College cut
the ribbon.

A NEW special school is celebrating the completion of landmark building work.

The first wing at Churchill Special Free School, based on the site of Samuel Ward Academy in Haverhill, was officially opened by Charlie Taylor, Chief Executive of the National College, on Friday.

There are currently 13 pupils in attendance at Churchill, which caters for children with language and communication difficulties, as well as those on the autism spectrum.

The first intake started in September this year.

Building work on the rest of the school will be completed in February, and a further four pupils are expected to have joined Churchill by this time.

Over the next three-and-a-half years there will be 70 students attending the special school, between Years 6 and 13.

Georgina Ellis, head teacher, said: "Churchill is a much needed resource, which will provide high standards for all pupils and enable them to make good progress."

Visit churchillschool.co.uk for more information.

Back in the New Year!

THE *Haverhill Weekly News* is giving its delivery boys and girls a week off to enjoy the Christmas period.

This means there will be no paper next week and the next edition will be published on January 2.

But this doesn't mean you can't keep up with the latest news.

Visit our website at Haverhillweeklynews.co.uk for regular updates on what's happening in and around the town.



Tributes paid as road collisions claim two lives

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THE heartbroken families and friends of two men killed in separate crashes on the county's roads have paid tribute to their loved ones.

Peter James, 26, died when his Renault Clio hit a tree in Homefield Road, Haverhill, on Sunday. The crash happened at around 11.45am and Mr James was pronounced dead at the scene at 12.20pm, despite efforts to resuscitate him.

Chris Waters, also 26, was killed in a single vehicle collision on the A134 at Assington on Sunday. It is thought that he was hit when he was walking home from an evening out with friends. His body was found at 7.30pm by officers.

Mr James, of Haverhill, was married in July. Writing on Facebook, his wife Lucy said: "I would just like to thank everyone for their kind words and pictures."

"He means the world to me



VICTIM: Chris Waters, with his son Oscar

and loved every single one of you. I can't believe you're gone but I will love you forever my gorgeous boy Peter James."

Colleagues at Marchant Manufacturing said Mr

James, a newly qualified engineer, would be "sorely missed".

Mr Waters, of Roman Way, leaves behind his 2-year-old son Oscar, parents Michael and Sharon and sisters Kate and Clare.

His family said: "In just 26 years, Chris gave and received more love than many will do in a lifetime."

"We were proud to call him our son, our brother, our friend."

"He will leave a huge void in our lives, but our only comfort is that he knew how much we loved him, and how proud we were of him, because we told him every day."

Officers are appealing for witnesses who saw Mr James' car before the accident, or saw Mr Waters walking along the road.

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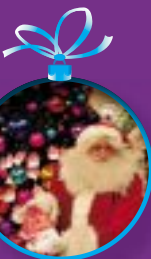
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Pensioner held at knifepoint by burglars

A PENSIONER was threatened with a knife while a group of men burgled his house.

The 71-year-old man, of Snowdon Court, was confronted by four men when he heard a bang on his front door at midnight on Monday.

He was punched and pushed to the floor, before being threatened with a knife by one of the men while the rest of the group burgled his house.

They left the house with two video game consoles, a stereo and other items.

All of the men are described as black – one was described as large and stocky, the second was around 5ft tall, the third slightly taller and wearing a hooded top, and the fourth was around 5ft 10in and wearing gloves.

Following the incident, the pensioner left his house to look for the men and then went to his daughter's house nearby to call police.

Police are making house to house visits today and are keen to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time of the attack, or recognises the descriptions. Call Suffolk Police on 101.



HELPING OUT: Sidney Slapstick, knitted by Anne Jones, is being raffled off at the Craft Basket.

More than £100 raised by Sidney

A KNITTED clown has raised more than £100 for a child in need.

Sidney Slapstick, knitted by Haverhill resident Anne Jones, is being raffled off at The Craft Basket, Queen Street, in a bid to raise as much money as possible for a local child.

More than 100 tickets have been sold to help the cause – but staff are

still waiting for nominations to decide who gets the money.

Sue Vallis, of The Craft Basket, said: "She's a very kind lady, and she wants to make a difference to a local child this Christmas."

Send your nominations to editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk or call The Craft Basket on 01440 707880 by December 21.

Cottages sell at auction for £51,000

AFTER months of doubt, two historic cottages on Haverhill High Street have been saved from demolition.

The houses, which date back to the 1820s, were sold at auction on Tuesday for £51,000.

Their sale means that original plans to demolish the cottages and build six flats on the site will be scrapped.

Instead, applicants Havebury Housing will reportedly build four flats to the rear of the cottages, as well as creating a shared courtyard for all of the properties.

County councillor Tony Brown, for Haverhill East and Kedington, has been campaigning to keep the cottages.

He said: "It's marvellous news – it will be really interesting to find out who has bought them, and what their plans are. Havebury

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has put in a lot of work into making this happen – they are showing themselves to be a considerate developer."

After the original application for demolition of the cottages was refused by the borough council in November, Havebury began consulting with residents on options to save the cottages.

Will Austin, town clerk, said: "The town council welcomes the sale of the cottages and is looking forward to understanding the new owner's plans to restore them to their former glory."

Havebury has set out conditions for the new owner, some of which include deadlines for work to be complete.

But the buyer will not officially become the owner until Havebury's plans for the remainder of the cottage

site are approved by the borough council.

Mark Willett, regional manager for Suffolk and West Essex at Auction House East Anglia, confirmed the buyer is local.

He said: "The buyer's intention is that they will come back onto the housing market as rental properties, or they will sell them off."

Mr Willett also praised Havebury for their efforts to involve the community in the decision.

Paul Edwards, Director of Resources at Havebury Housing Partnership, said: "Following the auction, we look forward to receiving planning permission so that we can deliver affordable homes on the remainder of the site and the sale of the cottages can proceed."

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EMERGENCY: Genzyme staged a boiler explosion to test their emergency response team.

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Response team put to the test

AN EMERGENCY team was put to the test when a boiler explosion took place - but it was only a drill.

Genzyme-Sanofi in Haverhill staged an emergency scenario on Monday to test their team and ensure all employees are clear on roles and responsibilities.

Sharon Banner, EHS Team Leader, said: "All staff took their responsibilities really

seriously and supported each other throughout.

"It was also a great opportunity to work with the Fire Service and see how seriously they take their training."

The exercise was run in collaboration with the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, who also tested their skills during the "explosion". Officers took the 999 call

and were immediately dispatched to site. On arrival, they shut down the building's services and entered to assist with "casualties" - played by actors.

The site's first aiders also practiced their first aid skills during the scenario.

Peter Millie, Senior Facilities Manager, said: "I'd like to thank everyone who took part."

Dates for Vision 2031 inquiry

AN INDEPENDENT inspector has been appointed to examine Vision 2031 documents.

The plans, which have been compiled through three years of public consultation, sets out the future of Haverhill, St Edmundsbury and the surrounding rural areas for the next two decades.

Roger Clews, the inspector chosen by the Secretary of State, will take a formal examination on the plans to decide whether the document "is legally compliant and sound (fit for purpose)".

He will also address all observations made by members of the public during June and August of this year - the final consultation period.

Cllr Terry Clements, St Edmundsbury Portfolio holder for planning, said: "Once adopted, Vision 2031 will provide the structure for sustainable, acceptable growth in the borough and protect it

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from undesirable growth that we would otherwise not have grounds to refuse.

"The public consultation has revealed the deep allegiance of our residents to all that is good in the borough. This plan seeks to protect that by ensuring that inevitable future growth is desirable and appropriate."

Residents and local councillors have previously expressed their anger that the document was passed through by the borough council without any objections being taken into account.

Haverhill Town Council raised their own problems with Vision 2031, saying that the plans needed to recognise "the town's current inability to provide fully for its population".

Haverhill's population is at around 25,000 to 27,000 and is

set to rise by another 10,000.

County councillor Tony Brown, for Haverhill East and Kedington, branded the plans "a big dose of housing and nothing more".

Mr Clews will take forward any of the observations he feels relevant to informal hearing sessions, to be held in public.

Residents will not be able to take an active part in a hearing, unless they have been invited to do so.

The public inquiry will take place between January 28 and February 12 in Haverhill and Bury St Edmunds.

The planning inspector must report his findings back to the borough councils, and any modifications he suggests will be consulted on.

The final stage before the plans go ahead is a meeting of full council, to adopt Vision 2031 as council policy.

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We all have to take responsibility for safety

IT IS with much dismay that I continue to read more articles in the *Weekly News* regarding inconsiderate parking outside schools.

The lines and restrictions cost a small fortune to paint and are simply there to allow pedestrians to cross safely; bearing in mind that not all school sites have access to a pedestrian crossing or school crossing patrols.

I also empathise with motorists that it is also the pedestrians' responsibility to find somewhere safe to cross.

As a local driving instructor it saddens me to hear, knowing that I have on many occasions offered my services free to local Suffolk and Cambridge schools, giving up time to do presentations for parents and children regarding this ongoing issue, in order to bring home the message to ALL road users of all ages, the clear importance of road safety.

Education is the key to improving road safety and if more road users knew the cost involved in providing this, maybe we would all be less inclined to disrespect these markings?

I too regularly witness poor parking and complete disregard for the Highway Code outside schools which in turn sends a poor message to all road users. Some schools even resort to addressing the issue in their local parents' newsletters.

It is obvious to the rest of us that a minority of drivers' behaviour and attitude is still that they are too busy or disinterested in the safety of others, seemingly flaunting the Highway Code for their own set of rules the 'My-Way Code'.

We all need to be more courteous and considerate to the safety of others, not just our own. Every road user should be aware

of his and her responsibility for the safety on UK roads.

It is of course the drivers' responsibility to know these rules; in particular (HWC: Page 115, 116 for those that like pictures or Page 80 rules 238-252 to quote the good book).

The Highway Code is free on the internet and sold in local bookshops; it may come as a surprise to learn that even qualified instructors are not specifically required to teach every parking restriction in great detail for all waiting restrictions etc as it is primarily the drivers' (Provisional or Full Licence holders) responsibility to know these rules and is also covered in

preparation for the Theory Test Element for new drivers.

I have worked with the police in actively trying to re-educate drivers, the majority of whom are often local in the area, rather than giving out fixed penalty notices for repeat offences.

The police are doing their bit too, as stretched as they are. Please let's do more locally and or at schools to help get the message across that it is unacceptable driver behaviour to put pedestrians at significant risk of a serious injury, or worse still a fatality.

Iain Riley
Withersfield Road
Haverhill

Dear Santa . . .



SANTA spent the weekend meeting children at the Tesco store in Haverhill, courtesy of the Haverhill Lions Club. Club President Pam Maguire said: "We would like to thank Tesco for allowing us and Santa to use their facilities this weekend. The money raised will be used to support many local charities as well as supplying clean water purifiers to the Philippine disaster victims."

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CAISTER MEN NEVER TURN BACK

With recent reports of the damage caused by high tides and strong winds, any mention of the bravery of lifeboat men brings home the message that even in life threatening conditions at sea there is still a group of men, and a few women ready and willing to risk their lives to save ours.

In the presentation by Donald

Hill, he told us how in 1794, the Caister Beach Company used their boats for rescue and salvage purposes.

Right up until the 1840s when the steam railway was introduced, there was fierce rivalry with neighbouring Winterton to be first to wrecks to claim cargoes of wood and coal.

The "Great Storm" of 1901, claimed the lives of nine volunteers when the lifeboat Beauchamp overturned close to the shore, three crewmen were rescued by 78 year old Frederick Haylett who received the RNLI Gold Medal and at the inquest he told the Court that Caister men "Never Turn Back".

That phrase later became the

motto for the RNLI who continued to pay pension money to the seven widows and forty-three children bereaved by the tragedy.

In 1969, closure of the lifeboat station by RNLI was averted by the action of the newly formed Caister Volunteer Rescue Service proudly led by Jack Woodhouse the skipper who raised money to operate a rubber dinghy and within 4 years to purchase the second hand ex-RNLI "Shirley Jean Ayde", in service until 1991 and now on permanent Heritage display in the original boathouse as the only off-shore lifeboat independent of RNLI capable of working more than a mile out to sea.

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with this capability, CVRS has sought local and high profile fund raising, with support from Bernard Matthews and Jim Davidson and good press coverage of royal launchings of state of the art lifeboats at Caister.

Coxswain Dick Thurlow has appeared on National TV to report rescue by his boats specially designed for speed and to negotiate the treacherous sandbanks in this very dangerous area of East Anglia coastline.

The first meeting of 2014 will be on January 28, when Dr David Duggan will talk about the Diaries of Samuel Pepys at the Arts Centre, starting at 10.30 am.

John Matthews

Plans in place to tackle new SNT priorities

POLICE have decided how to enforce the new Safer Neighbourhood Team priorities.

Officers will issue fixed penalty notices to anyone who parks illegally in the High Street, work with partner organisations to enforce speed restrictions on main routes and advise local companies on cycle safety issues, before having to take action against those riding without lights and high visibility gear.

The next SNT meeting is on March 10.



Toys donated to centre for children's ward

STAFF and customers have collected sackfuls of presents for children spending Christmas in hospital.

Haverhill Leisure Centre will give out the presents from their Giving Tree Appeal to children staying at Addenbrooke's.

James Purkiss, Manager of Haverhill Leisure Centre, said: "We were utterly thrilled at the number of presents donated."

Councillors to visit potential site for turbine

COUNCILLORS are visiting a potential wind turbine site today.

Applicant James Sills proposed construction of a 78m turbine to be built at Nosterfield End, just outside Haverhill, earlier this year.

Planning permission is also being sought for a 50m temporary wind monitoring mast, a substation unit, a hard standing and an access track.

Members of St Edmundsbury Borough Council's Development Control Committee will make their decision at a later date, following the site visit.

More than 30 objections have been raised to the original application, including concerns about visual impact, noise and possible effect on air traffic radar.

If erected, the wind turbine will reportedly create £15,000 every year to go back into the community.

Mr Sills has previously been successful in his application for a wind turbine in Clare, for which planning permission was granted in May this year.

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Academy's success a shining example

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A HAVERHILL academy has been hailed as an outstanding example of what schools in the East of England should be aiming for.

Education in the region has come under scrutiny following a critical report from the education watchdog.

In its annual report for 2012/13, Ofsted found only 66 per cent of pupils in Suffolk primary schools attend good or outstanding schools – which places the county 139th out of 150 local authorities in England.

At secondary level 73 per cent of pupils attend good or outstanding schools, leaving the county in 84th place nationally.

But Samuel Ward Academy, on Chalkstone Way, Haverhill, has been flagged up as a case study breaking the trend countywide.

Howard Lay, executive principle, said: "I think we are doing well because we are an academy so we can set our own ethos and culture."

Samuel Ward has partnered up with a number of schools in the local area in a bid to improve educational standards for young people.

The academy will officially sponsor Newmarket College next year, but work has already started to transform the struggling school.

Mr Lay said: "Most people are realistic about the time it takes to change



COMMITTED: Howard Lay, executive principal at Samuel Ward Academy, says their success lies in the fact that they are an academy

a school. We will put the school on an upward stretch, so it will continue improving.

"We want to sustain improvement and not just go in with a quick fix so it can continue to change."

Churchill School and Westfield Primary School are also under the same trust as Samuel Ward.

Mr Lay added: "We are committed as a trust, not just to Samuel Ward, to use the experience we have got to help other schools. Education is about helping, and not just focusing on your own school."

Too many schools have been rated as less than good in Suffolk following inspections in September – a situation which Sean Harford, Ofsted's regional director for the East, said gives "a grave cause for concern".

However education chiefs insisted progress is being made through Suffolk County Council's flagship 'Raising the Bar' initiative, which was launched last year.

Cllr Lisa Chambers, Suffolk County Council's cabinet member for education, skills and young people, said: "Improving educational attainment in Suffolk is the county council's top priority."

"We're focused on making sure every child in Suffolk has the opportunity to fulfil their potential, which includes going to a good or outstanding school."

The issues in the report were well known to the county council, according to Cllr Chambers, and they are being tackled through the Raising the Bar programme.

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Home care consultation

A CONSULTATION for those who use home care services in Suffolk has received 600 responses.

Service users, families and friends are being urged to have their say on how they would like to see home care and community care delivered in the future.

The consultation is running until January 6.

Visit suffolk.gov.uk/consultations for more information.

Dogs going tweet tweet

POLICE dogs from Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies have joined Twitter.

The @NSPoliceDogs account launched on Monday, to give the public an insight into work carried out by the dog section.

The animals assist with arrests, search for suspects and missing people and carry out drug searches as part of the work.

History room closed

THE history group is shutting up shop until after the Christmas period.

The Haverhill and District Local History Group's room at the Arts Centre closed on Tuesday, due to the space being needed by the pantomime cast.

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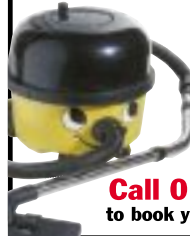
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Deaths

BENTLEY Betty

Mabel Bentley nee Ager sadly passed away at the Meadows Nursing Home, Haverhill on Friday 6th December 2013, aged 89 years.

Wife of the late Norman Roy Bentley, much loved mother of Jennifer, Barry, Ian, Edward, Linda, Moira and Alan, and a dearly loved nan and great-nan.

Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Steeple Bumpstead on Monday, 23rd December at 1.30pm, followed by interment in the cemetery. Family flowers only please but if wished donations for 'Minster Haverhill Ltd' (to benefit The Meadows Nursing Home) may be sent c/o H. J. Paintin Ltd, 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 9HE.

Deaths

WESTROPE Lee

BA(Hons), MA, MScRes, MPhil Tragically taken from his family and many friends on Sunday, 8th December, 2013, aged 42 years.

So deeply loved and sadly missed by so many. Funeral service to be held at West Suffolk Crematorium, on Thursday 2nd January 2014, at 3.00pm.

All are welcome to celebrate Lee's life. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations made payable to the East Anglian Air Ambulance may be sent c/o Martin & Sons Funeral Directors, 37a Nethergate Street, Clare, CO10 4JS

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WINCHESTER Gaius

The family of the late Gaius (John) wish to thank all those who sent kind messages of sympathy following their sad bereavement. Thanks also to those who attended the funeral and sent flowers and donations in his memory for St Nicholas Hospice. Special thanks to Dr Servant and Staff at Christmas Maltings Surgery and to all that helped John during his illness, and to Rachel Paintin and staff. Please accept this as their sincere thanks.



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SUPERMARKET staff put their cycle skills to the test in a nationwide challenge to reach Lapland by bike.

Tesco colleagues climbed aboard in store to take part in the 194 miles required from the Haverhill branch.

As a collective, the store hit their target over December 7 and 8 and raised £399 for Tesco's

partner charity, Diabetes UK.

Claire Bowden, Tesco Community Champion for Haverhill, said: "Each store had to do a certain amount, and we had 194 miles.

"We were lucky to raise almost £400 overall."

The journey to Lapland is more than 2,000 miles. The bike was donated by Abbeycroft Leisure.

Follow a day in the life of a PCSO

FIND out what a designated schools officer gets up to during his day to day duty.

PCSO Mark Isaac, of Haverhill Police, is taking to Twitter tomorrow to show the public what happens on a shift.

As well as patrolling the town, PCSO Isaac is attached to Samuel Ward Academy as a Safer Schools Officer.

He said: "This role is unique by virtue of partnership funding from Samuel Ward Academy."

"This role is very varied and challenging in the way I need to meet both the needs of the members of the public while on foot patrol and the school which I am attached to."

Duties for the PCSO change on a day to day basis, from foot patrols through the Chalkstone Estate to liaising with school personnel to assess what needs to be done.

At weekends, PCSO Isaac supports the local community and continues to work with youngsters he may have encountered at the school.

He also supports the Haverhill Safer Neighbourhood Team in enforcing chosen public priorities.

He said: "My other involvements in school also include assemblies to pupils about incidents or issues involving young people in Haverhill, educational inputs to classes around topics they are studying like the law and even

drop-in centres for the students to come and talk with me confidentially about any concerns."

Follow @PoliceHaverhill tomorrow to keep up to date with PCSO Isaac.

Name: Mark Isaac

Rank/number: PCSO 3261

Role: Samuel Ward Academy Safer Schools Officer and Responsible for the Chalkstone Estate.

Time in Suffolk Police and as

PCSO: 1 year and 1 month

Time in Haverhill: 1 year and 1 month



Appeal after two homes burgled

LAPTOPS, tools and gift vouchers are just some of the items stolen in two burglaries.

Offenders smashed a rear window at a property in Broadcroft Crescent between 7am on December 11 and 9am on December 12.

They took a laptop and some tools from the address.

On December 12, a property in Yerrill Garden was also targeted.

An IBM laptop, a collection of old English coins, two black laptop bags and £80 worth of gift vouchers were stolen from inside.

The incident happened between 3pm and 8.30pm. Police are

appealing for witnesses. Contact Bury St Edmunds Priority Crime Team on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Firefighters to strike again

FIREFIGHTERS are striking across the festive period.

The further action is on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and January 3.

The Christmas Eve strike is from 7pm until midnight. On December 31 and January 1, the strike will be between 6.30pm and 12.30am. Service will be reduced between 6.30am and 8.30am on January 3.

Flats planned

PLANS to build 15 flats are pending consideration by the borough council.

Havebury Housing has applied to create 12 two bedroom flats and three one bedroom flats, plus parking, on land at the back of Anglian Place, Burton End, Haverhill.

There are parking spaces and secure storage space for cycles planned.

The vacant land, which is owned by Anglian Water, has never been built on.

If permission is approved, the new homes will be beside existing developments also at Burton End.



BIRTHDAY GIRL: Peggy Payne will celebrate her 106th birthday on Sunday

Peggy's turning 106!

A GREAT-grandmother will be seeing in her 106th Christmas this year.

Annie "Peggy" Payne, who lives near Clare, will turn 106 on December 22.

Born in 1907, Annie was the oldest of 13 brothers and sisters.

Peggy's husband died in 1991, but she continued to look after her home and garden, do her own shopping and take walks around Clare until the middle of last year.

Her son Allan said: "Her brain is as sharp as ever and she enjoys a good chat with all her friends who visit her."

"She is especially happy when her children, grand children and great grand children visit her. She says she is going to enjoy life for as long as she can. She is a great lady."

Peggy has one grandson, one granddaughter, and one great-granddaughter.

Men plead guilty to attacking inmate in row over kettle

TWO prisoners have been sentenced to more time behind bars for assaulting a fellow inmate.

Adam Boyce, 26, and Mohammed Ali Hussain, 25, pleaded guilty to attacking Casman Banjoko inside Highpoint Prison, Stradishall.

During the incident, which took place in January, Mr Banjoko had his head stood on and was punched and kicked by the men.

He suffered multiple cuts, bruising, swelling

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and a fracture to part of his skull.

Michael Crimp, prosecuting, said the attack only ended because of the arrival of prison staff.

Before the assault, Mr Banjoko was in his cell and was confronted by the two men about the ownership of a kettle, Mr Crimp told the court.

He swung a punch in self

defence, realising he was going to be attacked.

Mr Crimp said: "He then heard one man say 'lets get him'."

While being treated for his injuries, Mr Banjoko fell from his chair and remained unconscious for up to 20 minutes.

Hussain, who was jailed for 14 months by Judge John Devaux at Ipswich Crown Court on December 12, said he had joined in with the attack because his brother, who was also involved in the incident,

was struck by Mr Banjoko's punch.

He said it had been wrong of him to get involved.

Boyce, who was sentenced to four months on the same date, said he was not certain if any of the kicks he had aimed actually hit Mr Banjoko.

Dastan Mohammed, 23, and Mohammed Aktar Hussain, 32, have also pleaded guilty to being involved in the incident and will be sentenced at a later date.

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Test your skills at library

A ROAD safety session is being held at Haverhill Library.

A driving simulator will give the chance to test response skills, and staff from Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Police will be on hand to give out advice.

The event is being held on December 23, from 10am until 1pm.

Roll of lead stolen in Clare

A ROLL of lead worth hundreds of pounds has been stolen.

The lead was stolen from a building site in The Street, Clare.

This happened between 4.30pm on December 2 and 7.30am on December 3.

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Cat in urgent need of new home

A MALE cat is looking for a new home after his elderly owner has gone into a care home.

The cat is 15 years old, neutered and likes to relax.

He is currently being looked after in a cattery – but he can't stay there over Christmas.

Email contactcats1@gmail.com.



NEW HOME: Mittens and Astin want to be rehomed together.

Home wanted for kitten friends

KITTENS and cats under the care of the Haverhill and Stour Valley branch of Cats Protection are looking for a home – and *Haverhill Weekly News* is doing its bit to help.

This week a home is wanted for best friends, Mittens and Astin.

Mittens is a three-month-old female kitten, who has just arrived with the

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The playful pair would like to be sent to the same home.

Both cats are suitable for homes with other cats and older families.

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'Pay up – or go back to prison'

AN IRANIAN man has been ordered to pay more than £450,000 or face four years in prison.

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Hanif Shakeri, 27, was arrested after failing to stop for police patrol cars in December 2011.

On searching his BMW, officers recovered a small quantity of cannabis and £2,000 of cash before searching a caravan and outbuilding at Home Farm, Stradishall, where he was living.

There they found 10kg of cannabis and £2,300 in cash.

The 27-year-old pleaded guilty to possessing cannabis with intent to supply, careless driving and possession of criminal property in November 2012, and was immediately released due to the time he had spent in custody.

He returned to Ipswich Crown Court at the beginning of December for a hearing to establish Shakeri's benefit from his offending.

Following a financial investiga-

tion, the court discovered this totalled £618,284 and that he had available assets of £455,794.

Mr Recorder Matthew Nicklin QC ordered Shakeri to hand over his full assets within the next six months or face four years in prison.

Shakeri had claimed that not all of his assets were the result of criminal activity and could be accounted for by transfers of money into his UK bank account by his mother in Iran.

During the hearing he also claimed that the cash had come from the sale of property in Iran following the death of his father.

Richard Kelly, mitigating, said Shakeri had been forced by a man known only to him as "Paddy" to store and package the cannabis and had been beaten up by him on a number of occasions.



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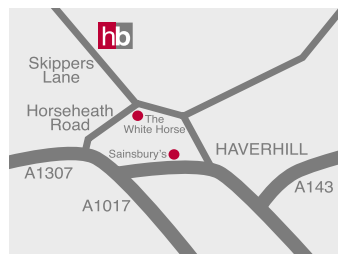
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MISS SLINKY: Sophie, pictured before she lost the weight, above, and showing off her new slimline figure, left and right



DONNING a slinky Christmas dress to go out on the town is something this mum-of-three thought she would never do.

But after taking stock of her unhealthy relationship with food, Sophie Bennett decided enough was enough.

Ten months and three stone down the line, the 32-year-old is planning to enter 2014 at a healthy weight for the first time in her adult life.

Sophie, of Hales Barn Road, Haverhill, said: "I never thought I could get to this weight because I never have before."

"I really did want to get to where I am now, and Slimming World is just the easiest thing I've ever done."

Sophie's battle with food started in childhood, when she was "painfully" thin.

After years of hurtful name calling and desperate to put on weight, she started eating junk food and takeaways when she went away to university.

Throughout her training to become a nurse Sophie gained five stone.

She said: "After that I had bad relationships so I was eating a lot of takeaways like you

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do when you're not caring much. Then, I met my ex-husband."

When Sophie was 12 weeks pregnant with middle son Archie, now 3, she split from her ex-husband.

After Archie was born, she joined Weight Watchers to try and lose the extra pounds.

She then met Mark, 34. The couple are due to get married in May 2014 and they have a 1-year-old son, Jacob.

With everything else in life falling into place, Sophie, who also has a 5-year-old son Oliver, decided to tackle her food demons once and for all.

She said: "I was happy in my life, and I didn't need to be eating big bags of crisps or packets of chocolate – I wanted a healthy relationship with food and I wanted to be feeling good."

"Now, I haven't looked back and I feel happy in every aspect of my life."

Sophie, 32, joined Slimming World in February this year at 12st and 13lbs. Now she clocks in at 9st 12.5lbs.

In November, Sophie was

nominated for the annual Miss Slinky prize in her group. The award is given out to members with the extra wow factor, and those who inspire their peers.

After months of transformation, Sophie, who works as a specialist nurse for prostate cancer at Addenbrooke's Hospital, has bought her dream dress for the big day – in a perfect size 10.

Shopping trips for the busy mum have totally transformed with short, tight tops and skinny jeans taking the place of loose-fitting tunics and stretchy leggings.

"I have always loved clothes," said Sophie, "but it always about picking the right things – now I don't feel like I have to cover up my legs and my bum."

"Everything has fallen into place with my life – for the first time I don't have to think about losing weight."

For more information on the Haverhill groups, which meet at The New Croft, on Chalkstone Way, contact Tania Watson for Wednesdays on 07974 565 229 or Mel Laing for Tuesdays on 07818 275743.

You can also visit slimming-world.com.

Police boss welcomes new guidelines

NEW sentencing guidelines to ensure appropriate and consistent sentences for sex offenders has been welcomed by Suffolk's police and crime commissioner.

The guidelines, brought in by the Sentencing Council, mean that courts will be able to look at the full extent of what victims endured, including psychological and long term effects.

Mr Passmore said: "I welcome these new guidelines as they will ensure that the focus is placed on the victim throughout the whole of the justice system, from initial police investigation to sentencing of an offender."

"The positive outcomes of these new guidelines are two-fold: firstly, sentences will be firmly focussed on the experiences of the victim and secondly, it will give the victims of these crimes more confidence to come forward to report offences to the police, both nationally and here in Suffolk."

The new guidelines, which are set to come into force in April 2014, will also mean courts can assess offenders



MESSAGE: Tim Passmore

differently, look at the full context of their offending and their motivation in their offences.

Mr Passmore added: "Victims of sexual offences are often vulnerable – and the impact of these crimes can affect them for decades."

"As such, it is only right that the full extent of the damage caused to each and every victim is fully considered by the courts when sentencing offenders."

"We need to send a very clear message to these offenders in Suffolk."

New workers for county's heritage

A NEW partnership is enabling four people to pursue a future in heritage work.

The £120,000 project between West Suffolk Heritage Services and Suffolk County Council's Archaeology and Archive Services will be used to recruit trainees who hope to work in the heritage centre.

During a year-long employment, the workers will gain experience in archiving, archaeology and museum services, as well as helping to deliver public services.

They will also be involved in making local history more accessible to the public by digitising collections and putting them online.

Cllr Sarah Stamp, St Edmundsbury Borough Council Cabinet member for Heritage, Arts and Culture said: "St Edmundsbury's special heritage is a tangible and valuable asset."

"It supports the local economy through tourism, contributes to our quality of life and attracts visitors and investment and it informs our sense of place, strengthening our communities."

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It's been a successful year for Slimming World groups

SLIMMING experts in Haverhill, Saffron Walden, Linton and Duxford are celebrating a successful year.

Now they have launched a campaign to recruit more people with a passion for helping others for the "best job in the world" with a special Slimming World careers opportunity event planned at Newport Youth club on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

Tania Watson who manages a team of nine Consultants who run 18 Slimming World groups in the Haverhill area says: "We're going through a period of steady growth. In 40 years, millions of people have changed their lives with Slimming World's brilliant combination of a hunger-busting eating plan, increased activity and weekly group support."

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ACTION/ADVENTURE

The Lone Ranger (Cert 12, 149 mins, Walt Disney Studios Home Entertainment, DVD £15.99/Blu-ray £21.99/Limited Edition Steelbook Blu-ray £29.99)

Johnny Depp steals the show as quixotic Comanche Native American sidekick, Tonto, who joins forces with the eponymous masked avenger (Armie Hammer) to hunt down an escaped outlaw (William Fichtner).

ANIMATION

Despicable Me 2 (Cert U, 98 mins, Universal Pictures, DVD £19.99/Blu-ray £24.99/3D Blu-ray £29.99).

Arch-villain Gru (voiced by Steve Carell) turns his back on skullduggery to help agent Lucy Wilde (Kristen Wiig) from



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Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa (Cert 15, 90 mins, Studio Canal, DVD £19.99/Blu-ray £24.99/Steelbook Blu-ray & DVD Combi-pack £27.99)

Written by Steve Coogan, Armando Iannucci and brothers Neil and Rob Gibbons, Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa pays af-

fectionate tribute to Norfolk's knitwear-clad DJ (Coogan) as he turns saviour during a siege at his own radio station.

DRAMA

Downton Abbey - Series Four (Cert 12, 350 mins, Universal/Playback, DVD £29.99/Blu-ray £34.99)

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A Christmas Carol (Cert PG, 95 mins, Walt Disney Studios Home Entertainment, DVD £19.99/3D Blu-ray £25.99)

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PUTTING ON A SHOW: Johnny Depp, left with Armie Hammer in 'The Lone Ranger'



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Archers Interiors are design experts

TERRY Archer set up Archers Interiors this year, after 25 years in the building trade. His experience in kitchens and bathrooms is now being used for the business, which is based on Moonhall Business Park

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in Haverhill.

Terry runs the business with help from his wife Sally, and uses a team of sub-contractors that he has worked with for many years. He will provide an

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Terry explains: "It's my job to keep a balance between function and appearance." He uses high-quality materials and brands to make the best possible use of the space that you have got available. "A kitchen is a practical place", he continues. His designs will always max-

imise storage and convenience; and still look great!

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Children and adults alike have been getting into the spirit of the season at the library too, which special events held in honour of Christmas.

A party for little ones, with a visit from Father Christmas, was held on December 13 and adult customers were invited to an evening with wine and nibbles on December 18.

Visit the library on High Street to make your purchase.

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We can all make a difference

Capt Andrew Payne, Parish Missioner based at St Mary's Church, Haverhill and Co-ordinator of Haverhill Town Pastors shares a Christmas message



IT'S CHRISTMAS again! (Actually it isn't – it's Advent until December 25th but I won't get picky about it).

The same carols, the same story and the same stresses are upon us once more – Who shall we visit this year? What shall we get them? Oh no, do we HAVE to have them round?

But there are fun stories too.

I heard one the other evening about a young boy in the school nativity who was overheard saying, "I don't know why we're doing all this again. Jesus was born LAST year."

As I heard those words I knew that there was a sermon or thought in there somewhere, and actually they are quite profound words really because that is the answer to the question of what Christmas means to me – Jesus being born again.

It's not just another Christmas like last year, or the year before, but it's asking Jesus to be born yet again in me and in each of us.

Not a physical birth of course, but a spiritual one. The spirit of Jesus, the spirit of a man of faith, passion, justice and service, the spirit of God.

This is also what many of our Christmas carols are about. As we sing them we are asking Jesus to, in the words of *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, "be born in us today."

O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord

Emmanuel. Indeed Immanuel (or Emmanuel) means "God with us".

This is reflected in other songs too and even the good old FA Cup tradition of singing *Abide with me* is in fact a hymn asking the very same thing. Abide, live, with and in me.

That is the essence of Christmas.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus we not only remember an historical event (albeit with a few additions possibly) but we seek a spiritual event by asking and praying for God to be born in us.

That we, like Jesus and through God's spirit, can change the world.

Does that sound far fetched? Well it isn't. We may not all have the impact of people such as the late Nelson Mandela, but we can certainly influence and make a difference where we are.

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Robin Hood

hits the target



THE Cambridge Arts Theatre panto is a bit like a trip to Pizza Express: you always know roughly what you're going to get - and it's always exactly what you want.

Though company members may come and go, there are certain traditions that must always endure: you know, for example, that the ravens will leave the Tower before the Arts panto foregoes a 'messy' scene with buckets of slop and the most wince-inducing pratfalls this side of Norman Wisdom.

If this suggests a tick-box approach, or anyone going through the motions, nothing could be further from the truth. Every year, producer Dave Murphy and his team succeed in finding inventive new ways of playing the old riffs so that, whether it's your first Arts panto or your 31st, no-one goes home disappointed.

This year's model brings magic and folklore to the fore: from the flying bicycle that opens the show to the scenes of the young royal babes lost in the enchanted forest - home to some impressive talking trees - and the wicked old hag of a witch, there's a

real fairytale quality to the story.

It's also the most musical panto I've ever seen, with the cast breaking out into variations on pop classics every few minutes. That might test the patience of some children (mainly boys, I suspect) but my five-year-old son assured me he "sort of" enjoyed them.

It was the only thing in the production to draw anything like a lukewarm response: elsewhere, he was dazzled by just about everything, cheering on Robin and his Merry Men in their struggle against the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham, and laughing so hard when (sensitive children be warned) the latter chopped the head off a Peppa Pig toy I thought he might be in danger of losing his own.

Former *Coronation Street* and *The Bill* star Stephen Beckett is fabulous as the boo-hiss (and camp as Christmas) Sheriff, reprising his crowd-pleasing shtick from last year's Jack and the Beanstalk of taunting the audience for our lack of good breeding, with our 'minging' faces and Primark and George at Asda clothing.

West End star Ross Hunter is suitably dashing

REVIEW

Paul Kirkley (and son) enjoy an infectious, feelgood family show at Cambridge Arts Theatre



as Robin (though his insistence on singing in an American accent is a bit jarring for England's greatest folk hero) but it's Lorna Want's spunky Maid Marian who has the real cojones - she's smarter and braver than the hero, and can kick his ass in a fight, to boot. Sophie Isaacs is equally gutsy as magical sprite Beyonce Willoweb, while Jonny Weldon, Ian Redford and Richard Earl are strong comic foils as Will Scarlett, Friar Tuck and Little John.

Inevitably, though, it's Arts panto mainstay Matt Crosby - who co-wrote the script with director Michael Fentiman - who steals the show as Nurse Nelly, bringing a large dollop of sauce of to this plum pudding, not least in a hilarious labour scene - I've seen plenty of pantos in my time, but watching a fully-grown man emerge from the dame's bloomers has to be a first.

The relentless gag rate makes room for some old favourites - including a welcome return for the Cambridge United bra (little support and no cups, I thank you), while much sport is made of

anachronistic references to Facebook, twerking and the Sheriff slapping an ASBO on Robin Hoodie. It's also a surprisingly sexy show, choreographer Kevan Allen's dancers bringing some Chicago-style sass to a series of not overly-dressed routines. Definitely something for - ahem - the whole family, then.

Played with infectious enthusiasm by a talented cast who give every indication of having the time of their lives, this fast, funny, magical, silly and scary (but not too scary) show zings like a quiver full of arrows and hits the bullseye every time. Each morning, I tell my son a story on the way to school. For the last six months, the request has either been for a story about Doctor Who or those darned Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The morning after the panto, he wanted a story about Robin Hood versus the Sheriff of Nottingham. They say panto is the perfect introduction to theatre for children. There's your proof.

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Spirit of Christmas

Last week we brought you the lowdown on panto season (visit cambridge-news.co.uk/whatson for details), this week it's the turn of festive shows and services that involve fewer thigh slaps...

The Dowsing Christmas Cocktail
Cambridge Corn Exchange,
Saturday, December 21 at
7.30pm. Tickets £18 from (01223) 357851

The Dowsing Collective – a very talented and quirky local choir – is hosting a show with their take on some Christmas classics. Yes, The Pogues will be on the bill, as will the likes of Basement Jaxx and Mumford & Sons. Local folkster Boo Hewerdine is also set to make a special appearance. We promise you, they're ace.

Christmas Carol Concert
St John's College Chapel,
Cambridge, Saturday, December 21 at 7pm.

Sing along to some traditional Christmas carols in aid of Cancer



TRADITIONAL: A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College

Research UK – in a pretty spectacular setting we might add.

Family Christmas Concert
Cambridge Corn Exchange,
Monday, December 23 at 4pm.
Tickets £4-£8 from (01223) 357851

Pop along for some classic Christmas tunes (including *White Christmas*, *Sleigh Ride* and *The Snowman*), performed by

Cambridgeshire County Youth Orchestra and members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. The afternoon will be conducted by Tim Redmond with a special guest narrator yet to be announced. It's going to be oh so festive. All together now... "Walking in the aair."

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

King's College Chapel, Tuesday, December 24 at 3pm.

You can't get more traditional than a Christmas service and carols at King's on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately tickets have already been allocated, but you can huddle round the radio and listen to it live on BBC Radio 4 or watch it on BBC2 with wine and mince pies in the evening.

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February 1) this time with their version of THE PIED PIPER. There is more fun to be had on Thursday February 6 when The Reduced Shakespeare Company present THE BIBLE – THE COMPLETE WORKS OF GOD (ABRIDGED). Whether you are Catholic or Atheist, Muslim or Jew, Protestant or Purple People Eater, you will be tickled by the RSC's romp through old time religion. ■ The Arts Centre staff would like to wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas; we wouldn't be here without you! Your custom is always appreciated as we strive to improve our service to you.

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films

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The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty (PG): Thu 11am, 3.10, 5.50, 8.30
47 Ronin (3D) (12A): Thu 8.15
Anchorman 2 – The Legend Continues (15): Fri-Mon 12.30, 3.20, 6.10, 8.15, 9.15; Tues 12.00, 2.50, 5.35, 7.40, 8.20; Thu 3.20, 6.10, 9.15
Walking With Dinosaurs (3D) (U): Fri-Mon 1.20, 6; Tues 12.45, 5.25; Thu 1.20, 6
Walking With Dinosaurs (U): Fri 3.40; Sat-Mon 11am, 3.40; Tues 10.25am, 3.05; Thu 10.50am, 3.40
Moshi Monsters: The Movie (U): Fri 1.15; Sat-Mon 11.10am, 1.15; Tues 10.40am, 12.45; Thu 10.55am, 1
The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug (3D) (12A): Fri-Mon 12.40, 4.20, 8; Tues 12.10, 3.50, 7.30; Thu 12.40, 4.20, 8
The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug (12A): Fri-Mon 3.20 (subtitles Mon); Tues 2.50, 6.30; Thu 7
Frozen (PG): Fri-Sat 12.35 (subtitles Fri), 3.10, 5.50; Sun-Mon 10am, 12.35, 3.10, 5.50; Tues 11.35am, 2.10, 4.50; Thu 12.40, 1.40, 4.20
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (12A): Fri-Mon 8.30; Tues 7.30
Movies for juniors
Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2 (3D) (U): Thu 10.45am
Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2 (U): Thu 10.40am
Turbo (3D) (U): Sat-Tues 10.05am
Turbo (U): Sat-Mon 10.15am; Tues 10am
The Muppet Christmas Carol (U): Sat 10am

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47 Ronin (12A): Thu 6.20
Anchorman 2 – The Legend Continues (15): Fri-Sat 12.30, 3.20, 5.20, 6.10, 8.10, 9, 10.50, 11.10; Sun-Tues 12.30, 3.20, 5.20, 6.10, 8.10, 9, Thu 12.30, 3.20, 6.10, 8.10, 9
Walking With Dinosaurs (3D) (U): Fri-Tues 10.50am, 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8; Thu 11.30am, 2, 6.30
Walking With Dinosaurs (U): Fri-Mon 12.10, 2.30; Tues 11.30am, Thu 10.50am, 4.15
The Harry Hill Movie (PG): Fri-Tues 12.00, 2.20, 4.40, 7.10; Thu 11.30am, 1.30, 3.50, 6
Moshi Monsters: The Movie (U): Fri-Tues

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The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug (12A): Fri-Sat 11.50am, 3.30, 5, 7, 8.30, 10.30; Sun-Mon 11.50am, 3.30, 5, 7 (subtitles Mon), 8.30; Tues 11.50am, 3.30, 6.40, 8.30; Thu 1.10, 4.50, 7, 8.40
Frozen (3D) (PG): Fri 12.20, 3, 5.40; Sat-Sun 12.20 (subtitles), 3, 5.40, 8.20; Mon 12.20, 3, 5.40; Tues 12.20, 3, 5.40, 8.20; Thu 11.40am, 2.20, 5
Frozen (PG): Fri-Sun 10.40am, 1.20, 4; Mon 1.20, 4; Tues 10.40am, 1.20, 4; Thu 11am, 1.40, 4.20
Homefront (15): Sat 11
Free Birds (U): Sun-Tues 10.10am
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (12A): Fri-Tues 9.10; Thu 8.50
Gravity (12A): Fri-Sat 11.20
Bollywood
Doom 3 (12A, subs): Fri 8.20; Mon 8.20
Movies for juniors
Turbo (3D) (U): Sat-Tues 10.30am
Turbo (U): Sat 10.50am (subtitles), 10.20am; Sun-Tues 10.20am
The Muppet Christmas Carol (U): Sat 10am
Despicable Me 2 (U): Sat 10.10am
Royal Ballet Live: The Nutcracker (Encore Screening) (U): Tues 1.45
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Walking With Dinosaurs 2D (U), subtitles: Sun 12.50
The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug 2D (12A): Tues 7.15
Moshi Monsters (U): Fri-Sat 10.30am, 12.30, 2.40, 4.50; Sun 10.30am, 12.30, 2.40; Tues 10.30am, 12.30
Die Hard (15): Fri-Sat 11; Sun 3.30, 7, 10.30
The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty (PG): Thu 11.30am, 2.15, 5.30, 8.15
47 Ronin 3D (12A): Thu 8

47 Ronin 2D (12A): Thu 3.10, 6
Justin Bieber's Believe (TBC): Thu 3.30, 5.50
Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (15): Fri-Sat 12.00, 2.50, 4.40, 5.40, 7.50, 8.30, 10.40, 11.15; Sun 12.00, 2.50, 4.40, 5.40, 7.50, 8.30, 10.40, 11.15; Mon 12.00, 2.50, 4.40, 5.40, 7.50, 8.30; Tues 12.00, 2.50, 4.40, 5.40, 7.40, 8.30; Thu 12.00, 2.50, 5.40, 8, 10, 10.50
Walking With Dinosaurs 3D (U): Fri-Mon 5.20, 7.40; Tues 4.10, 6.30; Thu 5.20, 7.40
Walking With Dinosaurs 2D (U): Fri-Mon 10.30am, 12.50 (subtitles Sun), 3.10; Tues 10am, 12.20, 2.40; Thu 10.30am, 12.50
The Harry Hill Movie (PG): Mon 11.30am, 1.50, 4.10, 6.40; Tues 10.20am, 12.50, 3.10, 5.30; Thu 11.30am, 1.50, 4.10, 6.40
Moshi Monsters (U): Fri-Sat 10.30am, 12.30, 2.40, 4.50; Sun 10.30am, 12.30, 3.45; Mon-Tues 10.30am, 12.30, 2.40; Thu 10.30am, 12.30
Die Hard (15): Fri-Sat 11; Sun 3.30, 7, 10.30
Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (15): Tues 4.50
The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug 3D (12A): Fri-Sat 12.45, 4.20, 8; Sun 12.30, 4.730, Mon 12.45, 4.20, 8; Tues 12.45, 4.20, 7.45; Thu 12.45, 4.20
The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug 2D (12A): Fri-Sat 12.15, 3.45, 7.15, 9, 10.50; Sun 12.15, 8.30, 10; Mon 12.15, 3.45, 7.15, 9; Tues 3.45, 7.15 (subtitles), 8; Thu 8.30, 9, 10
Frozen 3D (PG): Fri-Mon 11.50am, 2.40; Tues 11.50am, 2.30; Thu 11am, 2
Frozen 2D (PG): Fri-Sun 11.10am, 2, 7; Mon 11.10am, 2, 4.40, 7.10; Tues 11.10am, 2, 7.10; Thu 12.10, 2.40, 5.10
Homefront (15): Fri-Mon 9.50
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (12A): Fri-Sat 5.30, 8.40; Sun 5.30, 9, Mon 5.30, 8.40; Tues 5.05, 8.10; Thu 8.40
Gravity 2D (12A): Fri-Sat 11.50; Mon 9.50
Free Birds 2D (U): Fri-Tues 9.50am; Thu 9.50am

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47 Ronin (3D) (12A): Thu 3.15, 8.45
47 Ronin (12A): Thu 6
Anchorman 2 – The Legend Continues (15): Fri-Mon 12.30, 3.20, 5.20, 6.10, 8.15, 9; Tues 12.30, 3.20, 5.20, 6.10,

8.15; Thu 12.40, 3.30, 6.15, 8.15, 9
Walking With Dinosaurs (3D) (U): Fri-Tues 1.15, 5.45, 8; Thu 8
Walking With Dinosaurs (U): Fri 3.30; Sat-Tues 10.50am, 3.30; Thu 11am
The Harry Hill Movie (PG): Fri 2.20, 4.30, 6.40; Sat-Tues 12.10, 2.20, 4.30, 6.40; Thu 11.15am, 3.30, 3.45, 6
Moshi Monsters: The Movie (U): Fri 12.40, 2.50; Sat-Tues 10.30am, 12.40, 2.50; Thu 10.50am, 1
The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug (3D) (HFR) (12A): Fri-Tues 12.30, 4, 7.30; Thu 1, 4.30, 8
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Frozen (PG): Fri 1.40, 4.20; Sat-Sun 11am, 1.40, 4.20; Mon 10am, 11am, 1.40, 4.20; Tues 10am, 11am, 1.40, 4.20, 8.15; Thu 11.40am, 2.20
Free Birds (U): Sat-Tues 10.40am
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (12A): Fri-Mon 8.50; Tues 6
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Gravity (12A): Fri-Mon 8.30; Wed-Thur 8.30
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The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug 2D (12A): Tues 1.15, 4.45; Thu: 12.45, 7
Saving Mr Banks (PG): Fri 12.30, 3.10, 5.45; Sat 4, 6.45; Tues 3.15
The Bishops Wife (PG): Sat 6; Mon 2
It's A Wonderful Life (PG): Fri 6; Tues 5.30
Mary Poppins (U): Sat-Sun 1
Cinema Paradiso (PG): Mon 6
All Is Lost (12A): Thu 5, 7.30
Frozen 3D (PG): Thu 4
Mandela Long Walk To Freedom (PG): Thu 4
Picturehouse Pythons, Kids Club: Arthur Christmas (U): Sat 11am
Toddler Time: London International Animation Festival (U): Tues 11.30am

film of the week

WALKING WITH DINOSAURS - THE 3D MOVIE
certificate U, 1h27m

IN October 1999, six years after Steven Spielberg restored Tyrannosaurus Rex to the top of the food chain in *Jurassic Park*, the BBC unveiled its groundbreaking series *Walking With Dinosaurs*.

Narrated by Kenneth Branagh, the programme employed state-of-the-art animatronics and computer-generated effects to step back in time to the Mesozoic Era. The six-part journey into a lost world populated by majestic beasts captivated viewers and won numerous awards, including two BAFTAs and three Emmys. Now comes *Walking With Dinosaurs – The 3D Movie*, the next evolution employing dazzling visuals to explore a familiar story of triumph against adversity in the late Cretaceous period.

Screenwriter John Collee's simplistic script emphasises the educational aspects by repeatedly freeze-framing the action to provide us with the genus, English translation and feeding classification of each



dinosaur.

Humour is pitched at younger audiences – the opening sequence is a feast of dino-poop – with occasional concessions to parents.

A clumsy yet well-intentioned framing device introduces Bulldust, the leader of a herd of herbivorous Pachyrhinosaurus. Bulldust must impose his authority on younger rivals while keeping an eye on his newly hatched brood including Scowler (voiced by Skyler Stone) and his weaking brother Patchi (Justin Long).

As the siblings grow up, Patchi learns to compensate for his small stature to overcome the obstacles

that life throws at him and woo his sweetheart, Juniper (Tiya Sircar). All the while his wise-cracking best friend Alex (John Leguizamo) keeps a close eye on Patchi as together they face the merciless Gorgosaurus, high-flying Pterosaurs and the chicken-like Hesperonychus.

Walking With Dinosaurs - The 3D Movie is visually arresting edutainment that makes fleeting use of the eye-popping format.

Scenes that might be a tad scary for the very young are preceded by a verbal warning from Alex, giving parents sufficient time to create a cuddle cage from the necessary bloodshed.

Book time for yourself

THINK of the festive season and you probably think of being snuggled up inside by a roaring fire – but put a new gardening book on your Christmas wish-list, and you could be thinking of your spring planting too.

Whether you're a grow-your-own beginner, or a more experienced enthusiast wanting to try something new, there's a wealth of inspirational and educational horticultural reads out there.

Here's a few of the best...

■ *The Allotment Planner*, by Matthew Appleby is published in hardback by Frances Lincoln, priced £14.99

If you fancy taking on an allotment in the new year, or already have one you'd like to develop further, this handy guide will help you plan your planting schemes and give you insights into how to make the most of your plot – be that simply growing something new to eat or making money from your produce. Appleby has written it in a month-by-month format, with bullet point ideas in many sections and practical advice throughout.

■ *Clondeglass: Creating A Garden Paradise* by Dermot O'Neill is published in hardback by Kyle,



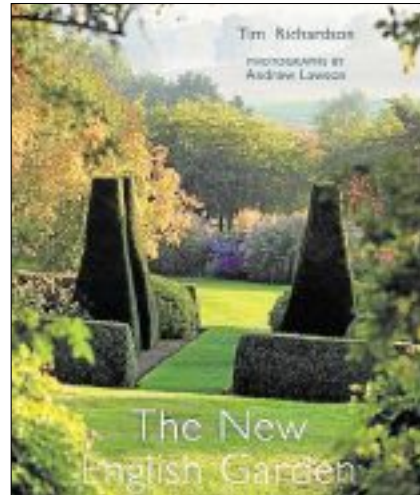
priced £25

This glorious book with beautiful, inspirational pictures, tells the story of the transformation of the walled garden at Clondeglass in Co. Laois, Ireland, from derelict, neglected wasteland to the stunning creation it is today. As the restoration is lovingly recorded, the author's own personal battle with cancer is also charted as he explores the positive, therapeutic role gardening can play in recovering from a serious illness.

■ *The New English Garden*, by Tim Richardson is published in hardback by Frances Lincoln, priced £40

This coffee table tome will definitely impress visitors coming for Christmas drinks.

It explores an exceptionally rich period in English garden design, selecting 25 gardens which have gone through an intense phase of creativity and innovation in the last 20 years. The gardens chosen (most of which are open to the public), cover the wide range of styles flourishing in English garden design today, including the Prince of Wales's garden at Highgrove, Trentham Gardens (a Capability Brown landscape imaginatively reworked for the



20th century by Piet Oudolf, Tom Stuart-Smith and Dominic Cole), Arabella Lennox-Boyd's own garden, and Christopher Bradley-Hole's Modernist garden at Crockmore House. Illustrated with more than 300 fantastic photographs.

■ *RHS What To Plant Where Encyclopaedia* is published in hardback by Dorling Kindersley, priced £25

Knowing where to plant is just as important as choosing what to plant when planning the perfect garden. In this new encyclopaedia, RHS experts make both factors easy with details on more than 3,000 shrubs, perennials, trees, flowers and bulbs, and the best sites to plant them. The book is divided into two sections: locations and plants for effect, which suggests planting for different uses.

■ *Perfect Patios and Terraces: How to Enhance Outdoor Spaces With Paving, Walls, Fences and Plants, Shown in 100 Photographs* by Andrew



Mikolajski is published in hardback by Lorenz Books, priced £3.99

If your patio needs sprucing up, this ideal stocking-filler may provide you with the inspiration you need. It offers ideas for paths and paving with bricks, tiles, cobbles, gravel, railway sleepers and mosaics, and how to use walls, fences, plants, furniture, lighting and ornaments on a range of sites including sunny, shady and windy, as well as structures suitable for children and pets.

■ *Which? Choosing Garden Plants Made Easy* is published in paperback, by Which?, priced £8.99

The *Which?* gardening guides are well-loved for their practical information, simple layout and easy-to-follow format. This latest edition is no exception and, as well as showing how to gain the best results, offers details on how each plant tested in trials by the *Which?* Gardening experts.

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20. The innocence of Botham going back to check the England opener (7)
21. Where you might see a horse running? (5)
22. It's said to stun for a long time (4)
23. A writer from Shetland? (8)

DOWN

2. Present requiring electricity? (7)
3. Closest Eastern resort (7)

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crossword

4. It is one to join together a statement (13)
6. Postage changes for the German secret police (7)
7. Joins up tinsel somehow before the end of Christmas (7)
8. The band goes to Los Angeles for a game (6)
13. Marked instead, perhaps (7)
14. It can be used up any time (7)
15. Is the first murder victim a girl? (6)
16. Celebration held by a knight (7)
17. I.e. ring a cook in Africa (7)

Last week's answers: Across: 1 Piston; 4 Arabic; 9 Secret service; 10 Operate; 11 Bogus; 12 Match; 14 Stand; 18 Rayon; 19 Disrobe; 21 Stiff upper lip; 22 Orders; 23 Stayed. Down: 1 Pistol; 2 Secretary bird; 3 Omega; 5 Rarebit; 6 Bring into play; 7 Crease; 8 Usher; 13 Conifer; 15 Fresco; 16 Adept; 17 Reaped; 20 Scent.

sudoku

Last week's answer:

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9	6	5	1	7	8	4	3	2
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niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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The clues

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gives an ancient drink
gives beer
gives wine

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SATURDAY

BBC1	BBC2	ITV	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
<p>6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen. 11.30 Nigel Slater's Christmas Suppers. 12.00pm Football Focus. 12.45 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 1.15 Inspire: The Olympic Journey. 1.45 Live Equestrian. The Olympia International Horse Show. 4.30 Final Score. 5.20 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.40 Pointless Celebrities.</p> <p>6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. 7.55 Atlantis. Part one of two. Jason is reminded of his pact with Circe.</p> <p>8.40 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Bruce and Tess announce the viewers' favourite, who will be following in the dance steps of last year's winner Louis Smith. Plus, Robbie Williams performs. Last in the series.</p> <p>9.50 The National Lottery Live. Chris Evans reveals the results.</p> <p>10.00 BBC News; Weather.</p> <p>10.20 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v West Ham United; National Lottery Update.</p> <p>11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.</p> <p>1.05am Weatherview. 1.10 BBC News.</p>	<p>6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.15 Natural World: Heligan - Secrets of the Lost Garden. 7.15 Antiques Road Trip. 10.15 Restoration Home. 11.15 Alex Polizzi's Christmas Fix. 12.15pm The A to Z of TV Cooking. 1.00 FILM: 12 Dates of Christmas (2011). Premiere. Romantic fantasy, with Amy Smart and Mark-Paul Gosselaar. 2.25 FILM: Confessions of a Shopaholic (2009). Comedy, starring Isla Fisher. 4.00 Are You Being Served? 4.30 Flog It! 5.25 FILM: The Young Victoria (2009). Historical drama, starring Emily Blunt.</p> <p>7.05 Christmas University Challenge. Kent takes on Lancaster.</p> <p>7.35 'Allo 'Allo! Yvette reveals she is pregnant.</p> <p>8.20 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring's brother visits.</p> <p>9.00 The World's Most Expensive Stolen Paintings. Alastair Sooke investigates audacious art thefts.</p> <p>10.00 Ronnie Barker: The Many Faces Of. A profile of the comedy actor and writer.</p> <p>11.00 The Two Ronnies: The Studio Recordings.</p> <p>11.30 The Wrong Mans. 1.00am FILM: Wake Wood (2010). Premiere. Horror, with Aidan Gillen and Eva Birthistle. 2.25 Sign Zone: The Day I Got My Sight Back. 3.15 Sign Zone: The Silent War. 4.15 This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes.</p>	<p>6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Home of Fabulous Cakes. 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. 11.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather. 11.30 Surprise Surprise. 12.30pm Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel. 1.30 The Unforgettable Frankie Howard. 2.00 FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008). Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser. 4.05 Harry Potter: Behind the Magic - The Order of the Phoenix. 5.05 ITV News Anglia; Weather. 5.15 ITV News and Weather. 5.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special.</p> <p>6.30 FILM: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007). Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe.</p> <p>9.10 The Illusionists. Leading magicians and illusionists perform large-scale tricks, comedy magic and escape stunts for a celebrity-packed crowd at Hammersmith's Apollo theatre.</p> <p>10.15 ITV News and Weather; Weather.</p> <p>10.30 FILM: You, Me and Dupree (2006). A thirty-something jobless layabout moves in with his newlywed best friend - who comes to regret his act of hospitality. Comedy, with Owen Wilson.</p> <p>12.30am Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.</p>	<p>6.20am FILM: Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story (2005). Family drama, starring Kurt Russell. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 The American Football Show. 10.00 Frasier. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.30 The Simpsons. 12.25pm Jamie's Best Ever Christmas. 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.00 Gadget Man. 4.30 Come Dine with Me.</p> <p>7.05 Channel 4 News.</p> <p>7.15 FILM: Deck the Halls (2006). Two neighbours feud over who has the best Christmas lights and end up resorting to desperate measures to outdo each other. Comedy, starring Danny DeVito.</p> <p>9.00 FILM: Four Christmases (2008). A couple struggle to make it through four family Christmases on the same day as they see each of their divorced parents in turn. Comedy, with Vince Vaughn.</p> <p>10.40 FILM: Sanctum (2011). Premiere. A team of divers exploring undersea caves becomes trapped and must find a way through the caverns to the surface. Thriller, starring Richard Roxburgh.</p> <p>12.50am Stand Up for the Week. 1.35 Fresh Meat. 2.20 Holyoaks. 4.35 90210. 5.15 Suburgatory. 5.40 The American Football Show.</p>	<p>6.00am Milkshake! 10.10 Inside Hollywood. 10.20 The Dog Rescuers. 10.50 World's Strongest Man 2013: Qualifiers. 11.55 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. 12.55pm FILM: Home Alone 4 (2002). Comedy sequel, starring Mike Weinberg. 2.40 FILM: Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan (2010). Family drama sequel, starring Doris Roberts. 4.25 FILM: A Cinderella Story (2004). Romantic comedy, starring Hilary Duff and Chad Michael Murray.</p> <p>6.15 FILM: Secret Santa (2001). Premiere. Family drama, starring Sherrylin Fenn.</p> <p>8.00 FILM: A Christmas Carol (1999). Miserly Ebenezer Scrooge hates the Christmas season, but is warned to change his attitude by a series of ghosts. Dickens' classic tale, with Patrick Stewart and Richard E Grant.</p> <p>9.55 5 News Weekend.</p> <p>10.00 The Bible. Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and declares He is the Messiah.</p> <p>11.55 Inside Hollywood.</p> <p>12.00am SuperCasino. 3.05 Helicopter Warfare. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. 5.50 Hana's Helpline.</p>



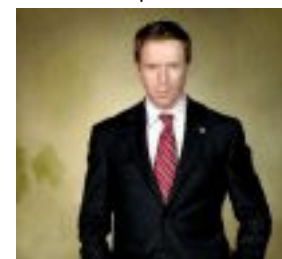
Atlantis, Saturday, BBC1, 7.55pm



The Illusionists, Saturday, ITV, 9.10pm



The Sarah Millican Television Programme ... Sunday, BBC2, 10pm



Homeland, Sunday, Channel 4, 9pm

SUNDAY

BBC1	BBC2	ITV	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
<p>6.00am Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Fern Britton Meets Christine Ohuruogu. 11.00 FILM: George of the Jungle (1997). Comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. 12.25pm MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Christmas Kitchen with James Martin. 2.00 When Miranda Met Bruce. 3.05 Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death. 3.35 Snow Babies. 4.35 Big Sing: The UK's Top 10 Carols. 5.15 FILM: Alice in Wonderland (1951). Disney animated fantasy, with the voice of Kathryn Beaumont.</p> <p>6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.</p> <p>7.00 Countryfile Christmas Special. The team enjoys a woodland Christmas at Westonbirt Arboretum in Gloucestershire.</p> <p>8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts are at Edinburgh's National Gallery of Modern Art.</p> <p>9.00 The Whale. Seafaring drama, starring Jonas Armstrong and Martin Sheen.</p> <p>10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.</p> <p>10.55 Sting: When the Last Ship Sails.</p> <p>12.15am FILM: The Magdalene Sisters (2002). 2.05 Weatherview. 2.10 BBC News.</p>	<p>6.00am This Is BBC2. 7.00 Natural World: The Woman Who Swims with Killer Whales. 8.00 Antiques Road Trip. 10.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Tom Kerridge Cooks Christmas. 12.00pm Food & Drink Christmas Special. 1.00 EastEnders. 2.55 Flog It! 3.25 FILM: Nativity! (2009). Comedy, starring Martin Freeman. 5.05 Ski Sunday. 5.50 The 12 Drinks of Christmas.</p> <p>6.50 Porridge.</p> <p>7.30 Top of the Pops 2: Christmas 2013. Mark Radcliffe presents festive favourites from the archive, including classics by John & Yoko, Slade, Wizard, Wham! and Paul McCartney, as well as a new performance by Boyzone.</p> <p>9.00 The Choir: Sing While You Work. The three finalists sing at Ely Cathedral. Last in the series.</p> <p>10.00 The Sarah Millican Television Programme Christmas Special. With Phillip Schofield, Judy Parfitt and Helen George. Hebburn.</p> <p>10.30 FILM: A Bunch of Amateurs (2008). Comedy, starring Burt Reynolds.</p> <p>12.35am FILM: Tai-Pan (1986). Adventure, starring Bryan Brown. 2.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile. 3.30 Sign Zone: Holby City. 4.30 This Is BBC2.</p>	<p>6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Storage Hoarders. 10.30 Sunday Side Up. 11.30 Sunday Scoop. 12.30pm ITV News and Weather; Weather. 12.35 Inside the National Trust. 1.35 Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel. 2.35 Show Me the Telly. 3.35 Midsomer Murders. 5.35 Harry Potter: Behind the Magic - The Half-Blood Prince.</p> <p>6.35 ITV News Anglia; Weather.</p> <p>6.45 ITV News and Weather.</p> <p>7.00 Coronation Street. Kylie's behaviour spirals out of control.</p> <p>7.30 FILM: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009). The wizard must uncover the secrets of Lord Voldemort's past to try to end the evil sorcerer's reign of terror. Fantasy adventure sequel, with Daniel Radcliffe and Michael Gambon.</p> <p>10.30 Sex, Lies and a Very British Scapegoat. Andrew Lloyd Webber examines the Profumo Affair.</p> <p>11.35 ITV News and Weather; Weather.</p> <p>11.50 The Cube. A hairdresser and a youth worker take up the challenge.</p> <p>12.45am Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures. 1.35 The Store. 2.55 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.40 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.</p>	<p>6.40am FILM: Garfield Gets Real (2007). Animated comedy, featuring the voice of Frank Welker. 7.55 Jamie's Money Saving Meals. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30pm The Big Bang Theory. 1.25 The Simpsons. 2.20 Kirstie's Crafty Christmas. 3.25 A Great British Christmas with Sarah Beeny. 4.25 Channel 4 News. 4.30 FILM: Scrooged (1988). Christmas comedy, starring Bill Murray.</p> <p>6.25 The Snowman.</p> <p>6.55 FILM: Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009). Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Ben Stiller.</p> <p>9.00 Homeland. Carrie and Brody seek refuge as security forces close in, and while Saul plans a last-ditch rescue operation, the former marine struggles to find redemption. Last in the series.</p> <p>10.25 FILM: Never Let Me Go (2010). Premiere. Three teenagers growing up in an isolated school come to terms with an inescapable fate. Romantic drama, starring Carey Mulligan, Andrew Garfield and Keira Knightley.</p> <p>12.20am Alan Carr: Chatty Man. 1.15 American Football Live. All the action from a match in the NFL. 4.45 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 5.10 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. 5.35 Suburgatory.</p>	<p>6.00am Milkshake! 10.15 World's Strongest Man 2013: Qualifiers. 11.15 My Family and Other Turkeys with Nigel Marvin. 12.15pm FILM: Richie Rich's Christmas Wish (1998). 1.50 FILM: Hats Off to Christmas! (2013). Premiere. Romantic drama, with Haylie Duff and Antonio Cupo. 3.35 FILM: It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie (2002). Festive comedy, with Joan Cusack and Whoopi Goldberg. 5.25 The Muppets and Lady Gaga at Christmas.</p> <p>6.40 FILM: The Family Man (2000). Drama, starring Nicolas Cage.</p> <p>8.55 5 News Weekend.</p> <p>9.00 The Bible. Jesus carries His cross to Golgotha and is crucified, but Mary Magdalene finds His tomb empty when she visits it three days after His death. Last in the series.</p> <p>10.50 FILM: Far and Away (1992). A penniless Irish farmer and his landlord's daughter run away to seek their fortune in America during the gold rush. Drama, with Tom Cruise.</p> <p>1.30am SuperCasino. 3.05 Helicopter Warfare. 3.55 Wildlife SOS. 4.20 Make It Big. 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. 5.50 Hana's Helpline.</p>

weekend television

Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4-2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ☐ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ☐ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ☐ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ☐ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ☐ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ☐ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ☐ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ☐ Employer
- ☐ Inland revenue
- ☐ Local council
- ☐ Banks or Building Societies
- ☐ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ☐ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ☐ Insurance companies
- ☐ Land / mobile phones
- ☐ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ☐ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ☐ DVLA
- ☐ Veterinary surgery
- ☐ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ☐ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ☐ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?

- ☐ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ☐ **Fridges / Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ☐ **Valuables / documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2-1 DAYS TO GO:

- ☐ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ☐ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ☐ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ☐ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ☐ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ☐ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ☐ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ☐ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ☐ Turn off electric appliances.
- ☐ Disconnect cooker.
- ☐ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ☐ Turn off water.
- ☐ Read gas meter.
- ☐ Read electricity meter.
- ☐ Secure all windows.
- ☐ Lock all doors.
- ☐ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ☐ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ☐ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ☐ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ☐ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ☐ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ☐ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ☐ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.



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Bank of Mum and Dad is still deciding factor

PARENTS in the East of England are forking out an average of £579 a year just to help their children keep their cars on the road.

Almost half (47 per cent) of the region's young drivers questioned in the study said they rely on the Bank of Mum and Dad to cover running costs and motor insurance to the tune of £48.30 a month.

The survey by The Co-operative Insurance found that it takes young drivers two years and five months before they can run a car independently – making an average parental contribution of £1,400. The average amount given by UK parents is £1,741.

James Hillon, director of general insurance at the Co-operative Insurance, said: "The prohibitive cost of running a car means that young drivers are heavily reliant on the Bank of Mum and Dad, not only to help them buy a car, but to keep it on the road too."

"Parents are being forced to put hands in pockets for everything from car insurance and maintenance to MOTs and petrol as young drivers struggle with the expense of motoring."

"There are ways young drivers can drive down the cost of motoring such as driving more slowly, checking tyre pres-



HELPING HAND: Boost from the folks is often vital to young drivers

sure and shopping around for petrol.

"We recognise the burden faced by young drivers and are helping them cut hundreds of pounds from their insurance premium through our Young Driver telematics 'Smartbox' which bases costs on driving behaviours and offers cash

back for responsible driving."

More than one in five young drivers (21 per cent) in the region say their parents have helped them to buy a car, and one in five (20 per cent) receive cash from parents to help them pay for car insurance.



FORD MUSTANG: Around £30k for four-cylinder version

Ford unveils first right-hand drive Mustang for UK market

FORD has unveiled its latest generation Mustang muscle car, which for the first time will come to the UK in right-hand drive form. The car, which will go on sale towards the end of 2014, claims to be lighter and more advanced than its predecessor.

Also new is a 2.3-litre, 305 horsepower engine, which Ford hopes will boost the Mustang's eco credentials in Europe without detracting from the car's performance. Traditionalists have nothing to

fear, however, as Ford has retained the car's signature 5.0-litre V8 motor.

Technical improvements to the car – now in its 50th year – include a revised suspension set-up, reduced weight and an infotainment and navigation system specifically tailored for the European market.

Although the car is a year away from appearing in the UK, estimates put the Mustang's entry-level price at £30,000 for the four-cylinder model.

Mégane Coupe Cabriolet enhanced



AFTER Mégane Hatch, Mégane Coupé and Mégane Sport Tourer, it's now the turn of Mégane Coupé-Cabriolet to feature Renault's new family traits. Its dynamic, elegant stance has been further enhanced by a new bumper which incorporates the new distinctive Renault diamond set to a gloss black background.

Meanwhile, the connected

Renault R-Link multimedia system is now standard on the full UK line-up of Mégane Coupé-Cabriolet. This fully-connected system comes with a smart, chrome-trimmed seven-inch display which functions in association with a centre console-mounted joystick. A line-up of connected applications, such as email or weather forecasts, is also

available at the R-Link store.

New Mégane Coupé-Cabriolet continues to be equipped with the coupé segment's largest panoramic glass roof. With the top down, the vehicle ensures an inimitable open-air experience without the drawbacks. Its standard fixed glass wind deflector, which is unique in the segment, minimises turbulence to provide

maximum comfort for four passengers when travelling at up to 55mph. New Mégane Coupé-Cabriolet can also be ordered with an optional removable mesh deflector screen that allows two occupants traveling alone to benefit from extra protection against buffeting at all speeds.

UK pricing and spec will be announced shortly.



OPTION: The Vauxhall Mokka

Murketts offers peace of mind

WITH the winter weather upon us and the white stuff making an appearance, many drivers are anticipating a season of travel interruptions, traffic delays and treacherous road conditions.

Fortunately, for motorists in East Anglia, local Vauxhall retailer Murketts Vauxhall is on hand with a choice of all-wheel-drive models that will make light work of winter driving: the Vauxhall Insignia Country Tourer, Antara and Mokka.

The retailer, which has sites in Cambridge and Huntingdon, is inviting motorists in the area to

discover more about the 4x4 variants, which each offer the capability to perform in a range of environments.

Peter Milner, general sales manager at Murketts Vauxhall, comments: "At this time of year, the wintry weather conditions can make it difficult for people to get out and about, but thanks to Vauxhall's range of all-wheel-drive models and their off-road capabilities, drivers can continue to embrace the open road, whatever nature throws at it."

To find out more, please go to murketts.co.uk.

BRIDGESTONE has turned to an ex-Formula 1 driver in an attempt to provide the best possible winter driving advice to motorists in Cambridge.

With a plummet in temperatures expected to continue throughout December, former Jordan racer Stefano Modena is offering some essential tips to ensure greater safety on the roads.

Stefano, who is now Bridgestone's tyre development expert and test driver, said: "Driving in winter conditions is something everyone must prepare for. It is not only about having the right tyres; the driver's behaviour is also essential in these conditions as he or she needs to understand and adapt to different winter hazards."

"It is therefore essential

to not only prepare our vehicle, but also ourselves when the weather gets cold."

Stefano says:

■ **Make the switch.** Winter tyres offer dramatically improved safety and performance in winter conditions. So when temperatures start to drop, it's time to make the switch from summer to winter tyres.

■ **Check your grip.** Because road conditions can change quickly and drastically, it's important to regularly test how much traction you can count on in case you have to brake or swerve suddenly. Gently apply the brake every now and again and slow down, if needed, in response to changing road conditions.

■ **Turn in stages.** When cornering on snow or icy

surfaces, break down the manoeuvre into smaller steps. Brake first, in a straight line, before making the turn. And accelerate gradually after straightening back up. That way, you use all the available grip to make the turn.

■ **Forget the cruise control.** In wet or icy conditions, you constantly need to adapt your speed to the conditions. Switch off the cruise control and maintain manual control of acceleration and deceleration at all times.

■ **If in doubt, don't drive.** If the weather looks too treacherous, leave the car at home. Nothing should be more important than your safety and that of your loved ones.

Both internal and independent testing has proven that the braking distance

of summer tyres can be almost three times longer than that of winter tyres on snow. But even in less extreme conditions, winter tyres offer greatly enhanced response, precision and control than their summer counterparts.

Winter tyres are made from compound materials that remain soft and pliable at colder temperatures and tread designs for added grip on ice and snow.

Bridgestone's investments in winter tyre technology have resulted in the comprehensive Blizzak winter range, offering motorists throughout Europe a safe and reliable solution to the challenges of winter driving.

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Skoda Octavia vRS wins award for 'Everyday Car of the Year'

THE Skoda Octavia vRS has been awarded the 'Best Everyday Car of the Year' gong by a leading men's lifestyle magazine. Judges on FHM's panel were impressed by the hot Octavia's interior space, family-friendly practicality, impressive

performance and striking style. Its price also struck a chord, with an entry figure of £22,990 on the road putting it well below less spacious alternatives. Chris Horrell, product marketing manager for Skoda UK, commented: "We

are thrilled that the Octavia vRS hatch has been honoured in the FHM Car Awards. "The sporty model offers the perfect solution for style-conscious drivers who require superior power delivery as well as all-round everyday practicality."



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> Golf

What a Cracker for Stuart and Hudson

MEL Stuart and Charlie Hudson were the winners of the 2013 Christmas Cracker at Haverhill Golf Club.

In an event organised by head professional Paul Wilby, they scored 45 points to finish three clear of the field.

David Pipe and Murray McKenzie were second on countback from Alan O'Donoghue and Martin Mansfield after both pairs scored 42.

In the Juniors' Medal, Fiona Stokes was first with nett 71, 10 clear of Louis Martin.

Prior to the seniors' AGM and presentation night, two 10-hole competitions were played.

The winners from the first to the 10th were the team of Paul Loomes, Roger Corbett, Geoff Dorkins and Denise Walker with 47 points. Dennis White, Graham Sullivan, Len Adams and Mary Sail were second with 45.

The winners from the ninth to the 18th were George Knight, Harry Thompson, Derek Hill and Rob Viney but they needed countback to see off the challenge of Alan Carter, Derek Olive and Bob Campbell after both teams scored 42.

After the AGM, incoming captain Keith McCallum presented the trophies for 2013 and among the winners were Alan Carter (Summer League), Alan Carter and Dick Sisman (Brighter Futures), Frank Robertson (George Baker Cup), Robin Grapes



Trophy winners: Haverhill seniors' section receive their prizes.

(Men's Monday League) and Gill Richardson (Ladies' Monday League). Pat Mansfield was awarded the Captain's Trophy, for his work for the seniors' section this year.

> Darts

Hav Charity Winter Darts League results

Rose & Crown A 4 Chestnut Tree 5 Captain's Cup: V Skeggs-Terry lost to M Austin (100).

Singles: P Dewing (120) beat L Crysell, M Jones lost to M Tokley (100).

Pair: S Terry & N Skeggs-Terry (101,140) beat V Tokley (100) & B Crysell.

Triples: P Clarke (101), M Jones, V Skeggs-Terry lost to M Austin (3), J Linnane, L Crysell (134).

Singles: N Skeggs-Terry (100x2) beat J Linnane, S Terry (117) lost to V Tokley (100x4,135).

Pair: P Dewing (100) & P Clarke Bt M Tokley (120) & M Austin (100).

Rose & Crown B 2 ESMC 6

Captain's Cup: G Evans (100x3) lost to S young (100). **Singles:** C Chapman (100x2) lost to J Lewis (100,125,136), D Flynn (100,140) lost to R Skeggs-Terry (140).

Pair: A Stock (100) & b Ellis lost to S Wells (100) & R Phillips.

Triples: G Evans (100,105), D Flynn (100), A Stock beat P Huggill (100x2), S Dickson (100x2), D Fish (100).

Singles: A Stock (100,125,135) beat D MacPhail (100), G Evans lost to s Young (100x3,125).

Pair: D Flynn & L Flynn lost to R Skeggs-Terry (100) & J Lewis (100x2,125).

Wrattling Red Lion 7 Queens Head A 1

Captain's Cup: D Blackburn (100x3,140x2) beat N Wright.

Singles: T Whitby (100,140) beat D Simpkin (121,140x2), J Frost (100x2) beat Dan Wilson (100x2).

Pair: T Course (100x4,134,140) & M Goodwin (100x2,121) beat C Dawkins (100) & D Dickson (100,140).

Triples: J Frost, T Whitby (140x2), T

Course (135) beat P Gill (100x2,121), Darren Wilson, D Simpkin (100). **Singles:** T Course (100,125,180) beat K Jones, M Goodwin (100x2,140) lost to N Wright (100x4,116,140).

Pair: D Blackburn (100x2,135,140) & T Whitby (100) beat P Gill (100) & Darren Wilson.

Punch 5 Chestnut Tree 3

Captain's Cup: R Frewer (100x3) Bt M Grimwood (100x3).

Singles: I Clarke (100x3) beat J Irwin, A Yates (100x2,132,140) lost to J Drage (102,140).

Pair: I Clarke (100x3) & A Yates beat J Irwin & J Drage (100).

Triples: R Frewer (100), I Clarke (100), A Yates (100,125) beat P Causton (100), M Grimwood (100) & J Drage.

Singles: K Gaylor lost to P Causton (100x2,140), R Frewer (100,132,109out) Bt M Grimwood.

Pair: B Marlow (100,101) & K Gaylor (100) lost to P Causton (100) & M Grimwood (100).

Queens Head B 1 v Rose & Crown A 7

Captain's Cup: S Tobin (100,125) beat A Hearn (140).

Singles: B Edgar lost to A Pordage (100,125,140x2), R Jarred lost to T Claydon (100).

Pair: D Poole (121) & D Spencer lost to T Claydon (180) & K Allard (140).

Triples: J Cawley, S Johnstone, C Hardy lost to A Pordage (100,125x2), K Allard, A Hearn.

Singles: C Anstee (100x2,125) lost to M Fitzsimons (100,140), J Cawley (140x2) Lt to K Allard (100,140).

Pair: S Johnstone (100x2) & S Tobin (100x2,120,140) Lt to a Pordage (100x3) & J Claydon.

> Rugby union

A REJUVENATED Haverhill under-13 side cruised to a 29-12 victory away to Colchester. The visitors went into half time with a 12-5 lead thanks to tries from Stanley Short and

Josh Gilligan, with Ollie Cooper adding a conversion. Further tries in the second half from Jake North, Ollie Jury and Bradley Richardson secured the win.

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> Football

Fourth win in a row keeps Rovers in third

Haverhill Rovers remain in third place in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division after a 3-2 win over Felixstowe & Walton, their fourth consecutive victory.

The hosts grabbed a quick 2-0 advantage thanks to Marcus Hunt's header from Rory Thompson's free-kick in the 12th minute and Dan Cornwell's strike two minutes later.

Felixstowe reduced the deficit in the 39th minute following a corner but Haverhill's two-goal lead was restored shortly after half time when Andrew Oforu fired home from 12 yards.

A second Felixstowe goal on the hour set up a tense finish but Haverhill held on for an important win.

In the First Division, Haverhill Borough secured a 2-0 win at March Town United thanks to goals from Ryan Weaver and Anthony Fernandez.

Borough started well and took the lead in the 22nd minute when Fernandez played a fine through ball for Weaver to run on to and fire past the March keeper.

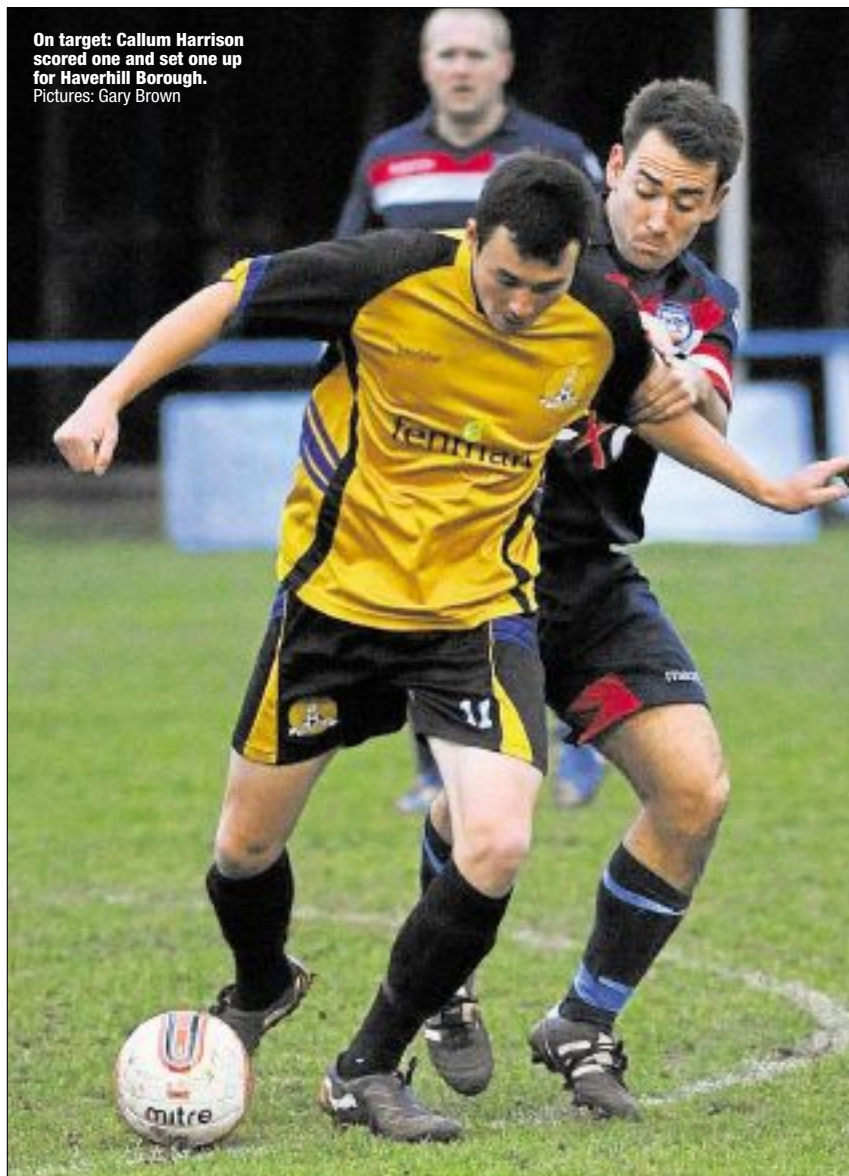
Further chances fell to Martin Westcott and Weaver but good saves from the March keeper kept them out and the score remained 1-0 at half time.

Owen Longley shot wide early in the second half and Westcott had another good shot well saved.

The second goal finally arrived in the 89th minute when Ryan Kent and Fernandez combined well with the former crossing for the latter to out-jump the March defence and head home.

On target: Callum Harrison scored one and set one up for Haverhill Borough.

Pictures: Gary Brown



Battling: Action (above and right) from Haverhill Borough's win at March.

> Youth football

Legends into cup last eight

TOROS Yagir's hat-trick saw Little Legends White under-10 progress to the Cambridgeshire Mini Soccer League Knockout Cup quarter-finals with a 4-3 extra-time win over Burwell Tigers White.

Yagir (pictured below in pink) hit two during normal time and Billy Hunt added one as the tie finished 3-3, forcing extra time.

With time ticking away and penalties looming, Yagir struck the winner to see Little Legends through to the last eight.

Ollie Santry's strike was enough to put Aztecs White into the Knockout Cup quarter-finals as well with a 1-0



win over Godmanchester Rovers Youth.

Santry finished from the edge of the box midway through the first half and good defence kept the visitors out.

Haverhill Rovers under-14s suffered a 2-0 defeat to Godmanchester Rovers Youth in Cambridge & District Colts League 14D.

Both of Godmanchester's goals came in the first half. After the interval, Brandon McKay had a shot cleared off the line, while David Scott and Callum Cooley both hit the post for Rovers.

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